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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DD/S&T

SUBJECT: OSA Comments on the Establishment of a DD/S&T Component in the CIA Operations Center

REFERENCE: Memo from Senior DD/S&T Duty Officer to DD/S&T dated 9 July 1973; Subject: Recommendations for the Establishment of a DD/S&T Duty Officer Component in the CIA Operations Center (DD/S&T 2067-73)

1. In response to the request of the referenced memo, presented herein are the OSA comments on the establishment of a DD/S&T contingent in the CIA Watch Office. These comments are based on the assumption that the existing OSA activities will remain at their present level.

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2. In general, OSA's normal mode of operation is that the majority of our non-duty hour traffic does not require immediate action. However, for those infrequent instances that immediate action is required, we have either [redacted] or the Headquarters Signal Center contact the specified OSA Duty Officer, who then comes in and responds to the message as required.

3. The exception to this routine would be when an operational mission is being conducted. During the periods when we are conducting a mission, the OSA Control Center and Signal Center are both manned and the appropriate actions/responses to message traffic are the responsibility of these Mission Duty Officers.

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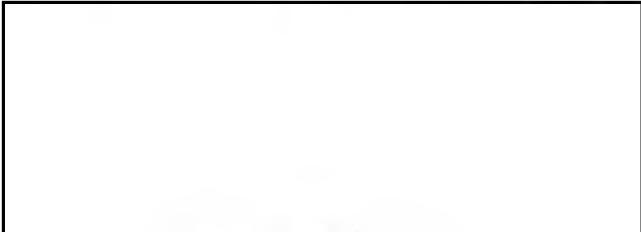
4. In summary, OSA's day-to-day non-duty hour contingencies are handled either by [redacted] or the Headquarters Signal Center/Watch Officer contacting the designated OSA Officer. These established procedures are considered adequate for our operations. During the conduct of an operation, appropriate OSA personnel are on duty and are responsible for the operations.

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5. It is therefore our recommendation that the DD/S&T Duty Officer Component in the CIA Operations Center not be burdened with OSA activities, as their efforts would appear to be redundant with the present activities of OSA.

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